

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 141

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to recognize Fire Chief Sam Bailey of the Rocky Top Fire Department for meritorious service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective well-being, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of service; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Sam Bailey of the Rocky Top Fire Department is one such outstanding public servant, who has served the department and his community with acumen and alacrity since 2003; prior to this position, he rendered sterling service as the chief of the Briceville Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Sam Bailey is the owner of Sambo's Music, a home-based business that allows him to indulge his passion for gospel music; and

WHEREAS, a proud father and grandfather, Mr. Bailey is devoted to family values of the highest order, and is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Regina; and

WHEREAS, Chief Sam Bailey exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Chief Bailey has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Fire Chief Sam Bailey of the Rocky Top Fire Department for his significant contributions to the citizens of this State, even as we honor his display of fortitude in the face of adversity and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.